

Trinidad – Westhaven Coastal Watershed Project

Fact Sheet

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Project Team

- City of Trinidad
- Redwood Community Action Agency
- Streamline Planning
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Project Participants

- Community Members
- Businesses & Organizations
- Green Diamond Resource Co.
- Humboldt North Coast Land Trust
- HSI Marine Biology Lab
- CICORE
- Trinidad Rancheria
- Tsurai Ancestral Society
- Westhaven Community Services District
- Yurok Tribe

Government Agencies

- Humboldt County
- Department of Health & Human Services
 - Planning Department
- North Coast
- Regional Water Quality Control Board
- California
- Coastal Commission
 - Coastal Conservancy
 - State Parks
 - Department of Fish & Game
 - State Water Resources Control Board

What is the Trinidad – Westhaven Coastal Watershed Project?

This project will identify water quality problems and solutions in the Trinidad and Westhaven watersheds and coastal areas. The project team and community will work together to create an action plan for reducing pollutants from stormwater runoff, wastewater from septic systems and sediment flowing into streams, drinking water, and the ocean.

Why do we need this project?

The 2005 *California Ocean Plan* prohibits discharge of pollutants into Trinidad Bay and other “Areas of Special Biological Significance.” Rather than pay fines or somehow stop the flow of water into the bay, Trinidad decided to identify the water quality problems and come up with a plan to improve the water quality in the Trinidad – Westhaven communities.

What will the project involve?

- Gathering information about the watersheds and water quality in the project area
- Identifying sources or causes of water quality problems
- Developing appropriate management strategies
- Using the information and strategies to create an action plan and integrated coastal watershed management plan
- Incorporating these plans into the Trinidad General Plan and Local Coastal Plan
- Putting the plans into action to reduce pollutants and improve water quality in the Trinidad – Westhaven area

Why should community members participate?

- To improve the water quality of the local creeks and Trinidad Bay
- To improve drinking water quality and quantity
- To get assistance with property improvements to prevent stormwater, wastewater and sediment pollution
- To find out about resources for property improvements
- To learn about the local coastal watersheds and Trinidad Bay
- To resolve issues of common concern

How to get involved:

- Participate in project meetings and activities
- Get on the email or mailing list
- Inform friends and neighbors about the project
- Provide input and make suggestions

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